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1. AMBASSADOR IN APRIL 3 MEETING WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE
MINISTER KOMAROV AND EMBOFFS IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH
MFT PROTOCOL CHIEF VORONA, CONFIRMED THAT MINISTER PATOLICHEV,
WHILE IMPROVING, STILL NOT ABLE TO LEAVE HOSPITAL AND WILL
NOT TAKE ACTIVE PART IN SECRETARY'S VISIT. VORONA INDICATED
THAT SOVIET HOST WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER
OF FOREIGN TRADE KUZ'MIN, WHO IS CURRENTLY ACTING MINISTER.

2. ALLUDING TO PROBLEMS IN ACCOMMODATING ENTIRE EXPANDED
PARTY ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY DENT AT HOTEL SOVYETSKAYA,
VORONA STATED THAT QUESTION OF HOTEL WILL BE DECIDED "IN
NEAREST FUTURE," AND IN ANY CASE NO LATER THAN COB TOMORROW,
APRIL 4. ALTERNATIVE REMAINS ROSSIYA, WHERE EMBASSY HAS
ALREADY SECURED ROOMS FOR CREW OF AIRCRAFT.

3. QUESTION OF SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAM ALSO UNRESOLVED;
HOWEVER, VORONA INDICATED PROBABILITY THAT SOVIETS WILL
HOST DINNER THAT EVENING AT MFA/MFT HOSPITALITY
RESIDENCE ON ULITSA ALEKSEYA TOLSTOGO.

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4. REGARDING VISIT TO KAMAZ, VORONA STATED THAT TWO-HOUR FLIGHT TIME EACH DIRECTION PLUS TIME REQUIRED FOR TRANSFER FROM HOTEL TO AIRPORT RENDERS IMPERATIVE AN EARLIER DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW THAN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TIME OF 0900 IF VISIT IS TO BE WORTHWHILE. HE SUGGESTED 0730 DEPARTURE FROM HOTEL, WITH RETURN TO MOSCOW BY 1730. PENDING CONFIRMATION BY SECRETARY DENT EMBASSY WILL PLAN ACCORDINGLY. REGARDING QUESTION OF NMTBA PRESIDENT GEIER AND EXEC SEC GRAY ACCOMPANYING PARTY TO KAMAZ VORONA STATED THAT MINISTRY WILL CONSIDER THIS POSSIBILITY AND REPLY ASAP. VORONA AND EMBOFFS FURTHER AGREED THAT ONLY TWO JOURNALISTS (KRAUSE AND JOSELOFF) WILL MAKE TRIP.

5. RE REFTEL B, ALKHIMOV NOW IN JAPAN AND SOVIETS DO NOT EXPECT HIS RETURN BEFORE DENT PARTY LEAVES MOSCOW. THEY HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO BENNETT'S OFFER TO MEET WITH OTHERS (MANZHULO, OSIPOV) DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT.

6. EMBASSY URGENTLY NEEDS PASSPORT AND DATE/PLACE OF BIRTH INFORMATION FOR SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF PARTY.

7. RELEVANT SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR MEMBERS OF PARTY ALSO NEEDED ASAP.

8. HOTEL AND OTHER INFORMATION WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

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